

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An in-plane switching mode liquid crystal display device includes first and second substrates, a gate line and a data line arranged along first and second directions on the first substrate to define a pixel area, a passivation layer on the first substrate except within the pixel area, a light blocking system on the first substrate and on a stepped portion of the passivation layer adjacent to the data line, a plurality of common electrodes disposed within the pixel area, at least one of the common electrodes overlap a portion of the data line, and a plurality of pixel electrodes disposed within the pixel area, wherein the pixel electrodes and the common electrodes form a lateral electric field.